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## A. Introductory Comments

Based on the above amendments and remarks to follow, entry of this amendment and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

This amendment is responsive to the Final office action dated December 22, 2003. In the office action claims 1-8, 12-13, 15-16, 19-20, 28-29 and 31-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by the patent to Lennig et al (US 5,479,488). Claims 9-11, 14, 17, 21-27 and 33-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lennig in view of Milewski et al (US 6,501,834). Claims 18 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lennig in view of Son et al (US 6,212,408).

In response to the rejections the claims have been amended as set forth in the next section. Additionally, claims 18 and 30 have been canceled, without prejudice, to reduce the number of issues presented by this application.